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### SACRAMENTO UPDATE

#### Executive Summary

This memorandum contains reports on the following:

- **Legislative Schedule.** An update on the Legislature's summer recess schedule.
- **Status of County-Sponsored Legislation**
  - **County-co-sponsored AB 879 (Burke)** - related to the notice of dependency hearings by electronic mail, passed the Assembly Floor on July 16, 2015, and proceeds to the Governor.
  - **County-sponsored SB 461 (Hernandez)** - related to the relinquishment of a portion of State Highway Route 164 to Los Angeles County, passed the Assembly Transportation Committee on July 13, 2015.
  - **County-co-sponsored SB 478 (Huff)** - related to an online system for receipt of child abuse reports, passed the Assembly Human Services Committee on July 14, 2015.

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- **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation.** Updates on 17 County-advocacy measures related to: 1) wireless telecommunication; 2) "Buy Here, Pay Here" car dealers; 3) the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act; 4) revitalization of the Lower Los Angeles River; 5) on-site parking requirements at housing development projects; 6) organic waste recycling facilities; 7) redevelopment dissolution bond proceeds; 8) the California River Revitalization and Greenway Development Act; 9) automatic voter registration; 10) repeal of the CalWORKs Maximum Family Grant rule; 11) subsurface excavation; 12) fire protection services; 13) fuel taxes; 14) sanitation districts; 15) mental health peer support specialists; 16) competitive bidding; and 17) immunizations for child care workers.

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### **Legislative Schedule**

On July 16, 2015, the Assembly and Senate adjourned for their summer recess. The Legislature will reconvene on August 17, 2015 when they are expected to take action on remaining legislative items including measures under consideration in the Special Sessions on transportation and health care financing.

### **Status of County-Sponsored Legislation**

**County-co-sponsored AB 879 (Burke)**, which as amended on July 7, 2015, would allow, until January 1, 2019, a county, or city and county, and the court to provide notice by electronic mail to parties in dependency cases, and would permit an individual to receive notice of scheduled court hearings electronically, who has consented to such service and met specified requirements, among other provisions, passed the Assembly Floor, with technical Senate amendments, by a vote of 79 to 0 on July 16, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-sponsored SB 461 (Hernandez)**, which as amended on July 8, 2015, would authorize the California Transportation Commission to relinquish two adjoining sections of State Highway Route 164 located within the City of South El Monte and the unincorporated area of Whittier Narrows to the City of South El Monte and the County of Los Angeles, passed the Assembly Transportation Committee by a vote of 16 to 0 on July 13, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**County-co-sponsored SB 478 (Huff)**, which as amended on July 9, 2015, would: 1) authorize a voluntary pilot program, until January 1, 2021, for up to 10 counties to allow specified mandated reporters to make initial reports of non-emergent child abuse or neglect to the Child Protection Agency through an online report, in lieu of telephonic reports; 2) require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to administer the pilot program and consult with the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) and welfare agencies of individual counties to determine which counties may be involved in the program; 3) require counties that choose to participate in the pilot program to hire an evaluator to monitor the program's implementation; and 4) authorize CDSS to conclude the pilot program prior to January 1, 2021, on a county-by-county basis, if the evaluation and monitoring indicate that the program's implementation compromises the safety of children, among other provisions.

SB 478 passed the Assembly Human Services Committee, with amendments, by a vote of 7 to 0 on July 14, 2015. The amendments, which are not yet in print, would: 1) require participating counties and CWDA to hire an evaluator to develop specific outcome measures to determine the pilot program's effectiveness for each county, including the number of referrals provided by telephone and the online-reporting system, and any increase or decrease in usage over time; and 2) require participating counties, on or before January 1, 2020, to provide information to the Legislature on the outcome measures developed to determine the pilot's effectiveness, among other provisions. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

### **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**

**County-opposed AB 57 (Quirk)**, which as amended on July 8, 2015, would: 1) deem a wireless collocation or wireless collocation application approved if: a city or county fails to approve or disapprove the application within a reasonable period of time, as defined by applicable Federal Communications Commission decisions; 2) allow the reasonable period of time to be tolled to accommodate timely requests for information required to complete the application or extended by mutual agreement between the applicant and the local government; and 3) allow a local government, within 30 days of receiving a deemed approved notice from the applicant, to seek judicial review, among other provisions, passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee by a vote of 6 to 1 on July 15, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

**County-supported AB 265 (Holden)**, which as amended on June 23, 2015, would require "Buy Here Pay Here" car dealers to provide a five-day notice to consumers of all weekly payment term contracts and a ten-day notice to consumers on all other

contracts, in addition to a final two-day notice, before using a starter interrupt device to remotely disable a car and repossess it, passed the Assembly Floor, in concurrence of Senate amendments, by a 73 to 0 vote on July 16, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-supported AB 446 (Ridley-Thomas)**, which as introduced on February 23, 2015, would repeal the sunset date of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act, thereby extending the operation of the Act indefinitely, passed the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee by a vote of 9 to 0 on July 14, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**County-supported AB 530 (Rendon)**, which as amended on June 1, 2015, would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to appoint, in coordination with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, a local working group to develop a revitalization plan for the Lower Los Angeles River, passed the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee by a vote of 9 to 0 on July 14, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**County-opposed AB 744 (Chau)**, which as amended on July 8, 2015, would: 1) prohibit a local government from imposing a vehicular parking ratio in excess of 0.5 spaces per unit on certain affordable housing or senior housing developments that are located within one-half mile of a transit stop; 2) prohibit a city or county from requiring parking ratios greater than 0.3 spaces per unit for special needs housing developments that are entirely composed of affordable housing units and are located within one-half mile of a transit stop; and 3) allow a city or county to impose a higher parking ratio that does not exceed the standard under Density Bonus Law if the local government makes findings that a higher parking ratio is needed, passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee by a vote of 4 to 2 on July 15, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**County-opposed-unless-amended AB 876 (McCarty)**, which as amended on June 1, 2015, would require, beginning on August 1, 2017, a county or regional agency to include in its annual report to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery information related the amount of organic waste generated in the county or region over a 15-year period and to estimate the amount of additional organic waste recycling facility capacity needed to process the waste, among other provisions, was waived out of the Senate Appropriations Committee on July 13, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

**County-opposed AB 974 (Bloom)**, which as amended on March 26, 2015, would allow redevelopment and housing successor agencies to commit remaining proceeds from redevelopment related bonds issued between January 1, 2011 and June 28, 2011, passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee by a vote of 4 to 1 on July 15, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**County-supported AB 1205 (Gomez)**, which as amended on May 5, 2015, would create the California River Revitalization and Greenway Development Act of 2015, and establish a grant program for multi-benefit projects on or adjacent to riparian corridors, passed the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee by a vote of 8 to 1 on July 14, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**County-supported AB 1461 (Gonzalez, Alejo, and McCarty)**, which as amended on June 23, 2015, would provide for automatic voter registration based on Department of Motor Vehicle records after the Secretary of State certifies a statewide voter registration database that complies with the Federal Help America Vote Act, passed the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee by a vote of 4 to 2 on July 14, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**County-supported SB 23 (Mitchell)**, which as introduced on December 1, 2014, would repeal the CalWORKs Program Maximum Family Grant rule effective January 1, 2016, and prohibit a CalWORKs applicant or recipient from being denied aid or an increase in the grant maximum aid payment for a child born into a family while receiving aid in the program, passed the Assembly Human Services Committee by a vote of 5 to 2 on July 14, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**County-opposed-unless-amended SB 119 (Hill)**, which as amended on July 1, 2015, would make several changes to the State's subsurface installation excavation laws and create an advisory committee under the Contractors' State License Board to coordinate education and outreach activities, develop standards, and investigate violations of the provisions proposed by the bill. The amendments also provide that the advisory committee would be funded through fines levied on gas and electric corporations for safety violations. SB 119 passed the Assembly Judiciary Committee by a vote of 8 to 1 on July 14, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**County-opposed SB 239 (Hertzberg)**, which as amended on June 1, 2015, would require a public agency proposing new or extended fire protection services outside of its current service area to: 1) either enter into a written agreement with or provide written notice of the proposed contract to each affected public agency and recognized

employee organization representing firefighters in the affected area prior to submitting the proposal to the local agency formation committee (LAFCO); and 2) require a public agency to submit a plan for extended services for fire protection to LAFCO for review and approval, rather than allowing local elected officials to make policy decisions in response to local needs, service requirements and cost effectiveness, passed the Assembly Local Government Committee by a vote of 8 to 1 on July 15, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**County-supported SB 321 (Beall)**, which as amended on May 27, 2015, would: 1) for FY 2015-16, and each fiscal year thereafter, require the Board of Equalization (BOE) to adjust the motor vehicle fuel tax rate to generate an amount of revenue equal to the amount of revenue loss attributable to the sales and use tax exemption based on estimates that reflect the combined average of the actual fuel price over the previous four fiscal years and the estimated fuel price for the current fiscal year; and 2) authorize the BOE to adjust the fuel tax rate more frequently, if the amount of revenue being generated will be significantly different than previously projected, passed the Assembly Revenue and Tax Committee by a vote of 9 to 0 on July 13, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**County-supported SB 485 (Hernandez)**, which as amended on July 7, 2015, would authorize sanitation districts in Los Angeles County to acquire, construct, operate, maintain, and furnish facilities for the diversion, management and treatment of stormwater and dry weather runoff, among other provisions, passed the Assembly Local Government Committee by a vote of 9 to 0 on July 15, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

**County-supported SB 614 (Leno)**, which as amended on July 7, 2015, would establish the Peer, Parent and Family Support Specialist Certification Program to provide specialized training for peers, parents and families who provide individualized support services for persons with mental health needs, passed the Assembly Health Committee by a vote of 18 to 0 on July 14, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**County-support and amend SB 762 (Wolk)**, which as amended on July 7, 2015, would establish a pilot program, to sunset on January 1, 2020, to allow counties to select the lowest responsible bidder, on the basis of best value, for construction projects in excess of \$1.0 million, passed the Assembly Local Government Committee by a vote of 6 to 3 on July 15, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

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**County-supported SB 792 (Mendoza)**, which as amended on July 2, 2015, would prohibit a person who has not been immunized against influenza, pertussis, and measles from being employed at a day care center or a family day care home for children, passed the Assembly Human Services Committee by a vote of 6 to 1 on July 14, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriation Committee.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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